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1. Its faces are smooth; it's got precise edges.
2. The pips that are carved out are filled with plastic that is of the same density (weight) as the plastic in the dice.
3. It makes him unsettled because to him it represents the unknowable.
4. His specialty is mathematics, the science of patterns.
5. Knowing the patterns helps him predict the future and know the unknowable.
6. It can be the key to survival.
7. There seems to be no way of knowing the outcome of a roll before the dice rests.
8. He realized that there were patterns that could be used in throwing the dice and betting on them.
9. It means that there are 36 different combinations for the dice to land with.
10. He had predicted the date of his own death and committed suicide on that day to make the prediction come true.